

Statement By The Chairman

The OSCC took note of the report on the “Results of an Anglo-Russian Trial Observation Flight and Recommendations for the Implementation of the Open Skies Treaty” prepared by the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation which was distributed to all delegations. The chairman noted the understanding that the contents of the report, including its recommendations would be taken into account at the Commission’s continued work in preparation for implementation.

The chairman of the OSCC expressed the following common understanding of the OSCC with respect to discussions on ecological monitoring held during the second session of the Commission:

“In the opinion of all participants the environmental seminar held on last December 3–4 within the framework of the OSCC was a success. It was very useful in that it made it possible to take a look at the available technological capabilities, at the place of the airborne component in the system of environmental monitoring and the potential role that the Open Skies regime could play in this area.

The OSCC was of the opinion that discussions on the possible use of Open Skies aircraft and regime for ecological purposes could usefully be continued on the understanding that discussions should not lead to delays in entry into force of the Open Skies Treaty.

The OSCC concluded in that context that contracts on this issue could continue in an informal and flexible way in 1993.”